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## **Senate saves MSU research and extension programs**

**Lansing** – Due to the hard work and leadership by the Senate during the budget compromise, the Ag Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension and Project GREEN programs will continue without any cuts to their funding, Sen. Ron Jelinek (R-Three Oaks) announced today.

“Michigan State University, a land grant university, provides the backbone of our agriculture industry through its many services,” said Jelinek. “The extension program not only touches the agriculture industry, it touches many other people throughout the state. I’m extremely happy that we were able to save it without any cuts.”

Jelinek was very instrumental in the fight to save these programs from budget cuts. He said they already had large reductions in the past and approximately 200 of his constituents contacted him about saving the programs.

In addition, the Senate was able to reach the following budget agreements: the cut to K-12 education has been reduced to less than \$100 per student, the cut to higher education has been reduced to as low as 2 percent, and businesses will face a less onerous burden from taxes on healthcare for their employees.

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